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## Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Commission

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Director Palmer,

The Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Commission is pleased to support the Iowa Department of Human Services' (DHS) application for Planning Grants for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics. This application is a joint effort between DHS- Division of Mental Health and Disability Services, DHS- Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, and the Iowa Department of Public Health, Division of Behavioral Health.

The planning grant proposes to build on current initiatives in Iowa, including the Iowa Health and Wellness Plan; implementation of Integrated Health Homes for persons with a serious mental illness or a serious emotional disturbance; regional development of crisis services; the State Innovation Mode; development of Accountable Care Organizations and other system change initiatives. The Planning Grant will help the State of Iowa to implement an enhanced model of community mental health and substance use disorder services through development of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics.

To support grant activities, the Commission commits to the following activities:

1. Promote provider, consumer, and community representation at stakeholder engagement activities during the one year planning phase.
2. Assist the state agencies with development of processes to ensure meaningful input of consumers, persons in recovery, and family members in the governance and oversight of providers of CCBHC services.

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Respectfully,

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